



News from

Council President Todd Gloria

City of San Diego ■ District Three

Friends,

2013 got off to a rousing start, and I am enjoying getting to know the new neighborhoods of District Three. I hope you are happy and sticking with your resolutions. If one of your resolutions was to be more engaged in your community, you should appreciate this update. Please feel free to pass it along to anyone else who may be interested in the topics below. As always, I invite your ongoing participation as we work to strengthen District Three and the City of San Diego.

Park Boulevard Construction Notice

Work will soon begin on the Park Boulevard and Essex Street Pedestrian Improvements and Lighted Crosswalk Project. The work will consist of traffic calming and pedestrian safety improvements including a modification of the center median, installation of new pedestrian lighted crosswalk and new pedestrian ramps, and restriping of the street. This project will help make the area safer for pedestrians and is a step in the right direction as we pursue more active transportation objectives. The work is expected to extend from January 30 until April. During that time, one lane of traffic in each direction on Park Boulevard between University Avenue and Essex Street will be closed. If you have questions about this project, please contact the City's Public Works Department, 619-533-4207, engineering@sanidiego.gov, sanidiego.gov/CIP.

Downtown Assessment Refund Process

To my new neighbors in Downtown, please note that the City's Economic Development Division has begun processing Special Assessment [Refund Claim Forms](#) for the Downtown Property Based Improvement District (PBID). Residents who live within the PBID and believe they may have been incorrectly assessed in previous years may submit a form to Economic Development. The claim form and more information can be found on the Economic development website at <http://www.sanidiego.gov/economic-development/>.

It is anticipated that claims will be processed within 30-60 days of receipt, and residents are encouraged to submit claim forms before the end of March.

If you have any questions regarding a claim or the submission of a Special Assessment Refund Claim Form, please call Steve Bal in the Economic Development Division 619-236-6493 for further assistance.

I look forward to the efficient resolution of this matter for our Downtown property owners.

City of San Diego Honored for Environmental Work

The City of San Diego was honored this week with California's "Highest Environmental Honor" during a ceremony at the California Environmental Protection Agency headquarters.

Our City was recognized for our work to become a leader in plug-in vehicle (PEV) infrastructure. We are the first city in the nation to support a fleet of all-electric shared vehicles that can be rented by the minute, Car2Go. Our commitment to environmentally-friendlier transportation options continues, and I anticipate further kudos when the City launches our first bike sharing program this Spring.

Reminder: San Diegans Can Enjoy Balboa Park Institutions Free on Tuesdays

Balboa Park is the absolute crown jewel of San Diego, and its institutions are meant to be enjoyed by locals and visitors alike. What you may not know is that many Park institutions offer free admission on a rotating basis on the first four Tuesdays of the month to San Diego City and County residents (with ID), active military, and their dependents. Some museums may offer complimentary admission to their permanent collections only and charge admission to special exhibitions or films. To see the schedule of which institutions are free on which Tuesdays, please visit <http://www.balboapark.org/visit/tuesdays>.

Major Bicycle Project Public Meetings Coming Soon

As one of the City of San Diego's representatives to the San Diego Association of Governments, and as the representative of some of the strongest bicycle advocates in the region, I am excited about two major bicycle projects that are currently underway.

The North Park – Mid-City Bike Corridor Project Community Advisory Group (NPCAG) will start to work next week at its first meeting. The public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 30, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the City Heights Wellness Center, 4440 Wightman Street, Ste. 200. The NPCAG will be instrumental to developing a plan and conceptual design that enhances the bicycle and pedestrian environment and supports community goals.

I helped kickoff the first Community Advisory Group Meeting for the Uptown Bike Corridor Project on December 5, and am confident that group will provide critical insight and input and ensure the project is a great fit for our neighborhoods. The Uptown Community Advisory Group's second meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 6, 6:00—8:30 p.m. at the Balboa Park Club's Santa Fe Room, 2144 Pan American Road West. The public is invited to attend. The purpose of the second meeting is to review existing conditions and explore design ideas, based on opportunities identified in the first meeting and in the existing conditions analysis.

To learn more about the project, please visit the [TransNet website](#). The presentation from the first meeting is posted on the project page. The North Park – Mid-City information will be added to the site soon.

Project Homeless Connect: Volunteers Needed

I have made it clear that one of my goals for my second term is to end homelessness in Downtown in the next four years. You can help me achieve that goal by volunteering at Project Homeless Connect. On January 30, 2013, San Diego's 7th Annual Project Homeless Connect will be held at Golden Hall from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. We need 200 volunteers to staff the registration table, escort our clients to different stations, provide food service and perform other key tasks. Please commit to being part of the solution by signing up [here](#).

Project Homeless Connect is an annual one-day resource fair organized by the San Diego Housing Commission, that provides health screenings, flu shots, dental exams, haircuts, drug counseling, legal aid, housing counseling and other services for San Diego's homeless families, veterans, seniors and disabled. Last year, 941 people were served.

Whether you are an organization that can provide needed services; an individual who wishes to volunteer for the day or a community member who has items to donate, you can make a profound difference in the lives of our most vulnerable San Diegans, homeless adults and families.

I thank the San Diego Housing Commission and major partners including Family Health Centers of San Diego, the Interfaith Shelter Network, and St. Vincent de Paul Village for their ongoing commitment to end the cycle of homelessness.

Upcoming Events

Hillcrest Business Association Meeting
Wednesday, January 30, 5:45 p.m.
D Bar, 3900 Fifth Ave.

Mexican American Business and Professionals Association Recognition Reception
Friday, January 31, 5:30 p.m.
Sunroad Resort Marina, 955 Harbor Island Dr.

Local Heroes Celebration
Tuesday, February 5, 5:30 p.m.
Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado

Downtown San Diego Partnership Annual Installation Dinner
Wednesday, February 6, 5:30 p.m.
Manchester Grand Hyatt

Groundbreaking for Ninth and Broadway Affordable Housing Project
Friday, February 8, 11:00 a.m.
Ninth and Broadway

Coffee with the Council President
Saturday, February 23, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Hacienda Hotel, 4041 Harney St. in Old Town

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

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